



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Trinity 13
29 August 2021

Worship this week

Sunday 29 August, 2021

9:00 Holy Communion
Catriona Laing

10:30 Holy Communion
Catriona Laing

[Zoom](#); [YouTube](#)

14:00 Holy Communion
John Wilkinson

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service: Courtyard Gathering
John Wilkinson

Contact our Children's and Youth worker [Anna Zödi](#) for more details about children's and youth activities.

Wednesday 1 September, 2021

12:30 Holy Communion
John Wilkinson

*Recordings of services
will be available
from Monday morning
onwards on our
YouTube channel.*

Our readings this week

Deuteronomy 4: 1,2; 6-9 The law is not about burdens, but about guidelines and experiences that lead those open to them to freedom. It is what makes God's people so privileged. We must be careful both to learn from the law and to pass on to our children the most important gift that we have received.

Psalms 15 Who is fit to come into the presence of God? The psalm sets out, rather neatly, 5 things to do, 5 things to avoid. These we can aspire to, but not reach. To come to God, we need to have confession on our lips – and openness to the forgiveness that Christ has won for us. Then we will never be shaken.

James 1:17-end The law shows us ourselves as we are. If we learn from it and act accordingly, we are promised that we will find blessing. Notice the important place given to the unguarded tongue and its partner, anger, as sources of evil. In the end, James sees the good life as centred on the practical care of other people's needs and avoiding slipping into the world's values.

Mark 7: 1-8; 14,15; 21-23 Jesus condemns the punctilious observance of ritual details while ignoring the substance of the law. Although outside influence has very important effects, in the end we ourselves decide whether we want to follow God's way, or to give in to the ways of the world. As with all scripture, we need to be careful to read this passage with others, like James.

Pointers for prayer

- Where is the centre of my life? Is it in worldly pleasure, or is it in trying to live the life to which God points us. He tells us that it is his way that leads to happiness;
- It is in real prayer about the needs of others that we may find how we can be of practical help to them. Righteousness is to do with real involvement in care for the needy;
- How are we making sure that our own homes both pass on God's gifts to the next generation, and do not slip into the easy values of the world?

Confirmation Service

We will be holding a Confirmation Service in October this year. If you would like to be confirmed or to know what this involves, please contact admin@holytrinity.be and one of our clergy will respond to you.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Please continue to reserve a place to attend any Sunday services (not counting children aged 12 and under). This can be done through your My ChurchSuite account or the [church website calendar](#). You can also message/Whatsapp +32 460 950449 or email admin@holytrinity.be and we will make a reservation for you.

The following measures are in place to keep us COVID-safe in church:

- * Keep 1,5m distance at all times.
- * Use the alcohol gel when you enter church.
- * Masks are obligatory for everyone.
- * Soft singing is allowed beneath masks.

'Hybrid worship' (following and participating in the service in church and online) will continue for Sunday services at 10:30 and 14:00.

The bicycle race BXL Tour is taking place this Sunday 29 August and roads are likely to be closed for the morning until around 13h. If you are coming to the 9:00/10:30 or 14:00 services, this map should help you to plan <https://www.bxltour.be/en/the-race/>.

Congratulations to **Tracy** and **Eric Sibomana** who welcomed their daughter **Elikya-Shaddai Frieda** into the world on Monday 9 August. We wish them well as they settle into their new life.

Sunday Evening services at 18:00

The 6pm service will meet in the courtyard of Holy Trinity during the month of August for social time, a brief study, and a time of prayer. We have backup options for rainy weather, so come along, rain or shine! We hope this slightly less formal worship and fellowship will allow the congregation and ministry team to rest, reflect, and renew. Register on ChurchSuite or through the [website calendar](#); these gatherings will not be streamed. These services will resume as normal next Sunday.

Wednesday midweek Holy Communion services

These services will resume from 1 September.

To run services in church, we need more hosts!

As we now have increased numbers at services of worship, we must keep everyone COVID-safe! Three volunteers are needed for each service to welcome and direct people, dispense hand sanitizer, maintain social distancing, etc. Training is available and a handy manual is prepared with clear instructions! Please let the office know or email Sunil at gsunilj@gmail.com if you would like to help, which services you are available for, and which dates. Thank you!

A note from the Treasurer

Account closed. The account of The Friends of Holy Trinity held at ING: BE14 3101 9409 6783 has been closed.

Please direct all your donations and gifts to The Friends of Holy Trinity to the account held at Crelan: BE67 1030 7048 2187.

The office is overstocked with paper. If you would like to buy a pack for your home printer the price is €2.50 per pack of 500 sheets A4 white. Contact the Administrator cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be

The Prayer Chain

welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Janine Vrolijk on janine.vrolijk@gmail.com or Carole Ludlow on celudlow@gmail.com.

Gift account for pledges and donations:

The Friends of Holy Trinity
Brussels asbl

IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187
(new bank account!)

Flowers If you would like to sponsor the flowers that decorate the church each week, whether in memory of a loved one, celebration of a special event or thanksgiving for answered prayer, do sign up on the calendar in the lobby or contact Carol de Lusignan directly via email (carol.delusignan@skynet.be). The Flower Team would greatly appreciate this support of their ministry.

Peace & Conflict transformation We are delighted to be launching this new project via a Zoom conference on **20 September at 18:00**. In its initial stages we will be providing training on conflict transformation to those who wish to participate at HTB. Linked to our membership with the Community of the Cross of Nails and Mennonite Mission Network, USA we wish to promote a Christian culture of reconciliation, peace building and mediation within our church and beyond. The speakers will be our Revd Canon John Wilkinson, the very Revd John Witcombe (Dean of Coventry cathedral, UK), Dr Berdine van den Toren-Lekkerkerker and the Revd Celestine Musekura, African Leadership Ministries Inc.

For more info as regards training, and if you would like to take part in the conference, please email admin@holytrinity.be or Jean-Bosco Turahirwa at jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be in order to receive the programme and zoom link. Please be aware that training for the first English group is limited to 12 places only and **registration closes by the 1 October 2021**.

If you would like to financially support this project, donations can be sent to the **Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187** with the communication 'peace and reconciliation project'

Do you have an experience to share with the Working Group for Racial Justice?

The Working Group for Racial Justice, Diversity and Inclusion has created the [HTB Stories & Suggestions Box](#). We've gathered a dozen stories so far and would be honoured to hear yours. We hope that this tool for sharing will enable members of HTB to express their stories, experiences, and suggestions related to racial justice which will build up our common life in Christ. To learn more about this initiative, [please watch this introductory video](#) by Paul Vrolijk and Jean-Bosco Turahirwa.

Accommodation wanted Anne Helder is a young woman in her early 20's who is looking for a room in Brussels from September until February 11. She is doing an internship at CIDSE (an international family of Catholic social justice organisations). Anne is looking for a room at a price range of 300-400 euro a month. Bart Feenstra knows Anne because she took part in the 2016 reconciliation camp between Palestinians and Israelis. If you have a place or know of a place please whatsapp her on +31 6 53792146.

Investment opportunity The Friends of HTB asbl currently rents a flat at N° 53 Rue Capitaine Crespel where our cleaner, Moses, lives. The owner wishes to sell. If anyone is interested in investing in this property, please contact the agent: Leilt Abebe (Mrs.) Founder & CEO, Do It 4 Me sprl, Relocation & Service Agency, square de Meeus 22a, 1050 Ixelles, E: leilt@doit4me.be T: +32477321923.

The Wider Church

Morning and Night Prayer

Would you like to join others at HTB for prayer? Heather Roy is overseeing this ministry and if you have any questions, please email her at heather.roy@gmail.com. Join us at the following links, from Monday to Friday:

- Morning Prayer – 9:00

([Zoom link](#); Meeting ID 828 0903 6058)

- Night Prayer/Compline – 21:00 ([Zoom link](#); Meeting ID 898 3749 9334)
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Christian Climate Action Belgium holds a short reflective online prayer session on the 1st of each month, to pray for climate justice and this year's all-important COP26. The next is on **1 September** at 20:00. All are welcome - please use [this link](#) to receive the meeting details.

Giraffe, a charity which supports children's education in Nairobi, is looking for runners and walkers to take part in the Brussels 20km run on Sunday 12th September. If you would like to join the team and support the charity, details can be found on the website: <https://giraffeproject.org/get-involved>.

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